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SUBJECT: DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG'S VIEWS ON TARIFF FORMULA
AND OTHER MTN ISSUES

1. AMB WALKER HOSTED LUNCH MARCH 15 FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL OLIVIER LONG AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL GARDNER PATTERSON TO PREVIEW US TARIFF FORMULA PROPOSAL AND TO REVIEW OTHER MTN ISSUES. BALE AND MCNAMARA ALSO PARTICIPATED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO WALKER'S PRESENTATION OF US TARIFF FORMULA PROPOSAL ALONG LINES OF INSTRUCTIONS, BOTH LONG AND PATTERSON SAID US WILL HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY CONVINCING OTHER COUNTRIES OF SIGNIFICANCE OF HARMONIZATION ELEMENT IN US PROPOSAL. THEY SUGGESTED THAT US BE PREPARED IN TARIFFS GROUP NEXT WEEK TO MAKE CONVINCING ARGUMENT THAT, DESPITE FACT THAT US PROPOSAL BECOMES A STRAIGHT
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LINEAR FORMULA FOR TARIFFS BEYONE 6.67 PERCENT AD

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VALOREM, PROPOSAL HAS A MAJOR HARMONIZATION ELEMENT
ACROSS THE FULL RANGE OF TARIFF RATES.
LONG SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD UNDERLINE
TO THE PRESS AS WELL AS TO OTHER DELS THE
SIGNIFICANCE US ATTANHES TO HARMONIZATION. IN THE
ABSENCE OF WIDESPREAD COMPREHENSION OF NEW STEP WHICH
THE US PROPOSAL REPRESENTS, HE FEARED THAT OTHER DELS
MIGHT DISMISS IT TOO QUICKLY.

3. NOTING THAT US PROPOSAL WOULD BE APPLICABLE TO
TARIFFS ON ALL PRODUCTS, THEY BOTH EXPRESSED HOPE THAT
AGRICULTURE ISSUE NOT BE ALLOWED TO BLOW UP AS A MAJOR
ISSUE BETWEEN US AND EC NEXT WEEK. WALKER RESPONDED THAT
HE EXPECTED THE US AND EC BOTH TO STATE THEIR WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS
ON THIS QUESTION, BUT THAT NEITHER SIDE WANTED TO START A
FIGHT ON THE MATTER AT THIS MEETING, SO DIFFERENCES SHOULD
NOT DISRUPT THE WORK OF THE TARIFFS GROUP.

4. PATTERSON, WHO CHAIRS TARIFFS GROUP, SAID THAT HE
BELIEVES THE ENTIRE FOCUS OF THE MEETING WILL BE ON THE
US PROPOSAL. HIS SOUNDINGS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS
SUGGEST THAT THEY WILL NOT BE PUTTING FORWARD ANY NEW
PROPOSALS, BUT PERHAPS ONLY REFINE PREVIOUS PROPOSALS.
HE EXPECTED THAT GROUP WOULD WANT TO RECESS FOR DAY
AFTER US PROPOSAL IS MADE TO PROVIDE DELEGATIONS
TIME TO REACT. HE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT BILATERALS
WHICH US IS HOLDING WITH KEY DELEGATIONS THIS WEEK
MAY PERMIT THEM TO RESPOND IN A MORE STUDIED WAY TO
THE US PROPOSAL NEXT WEEK.

5. BOTH LONG AND PATTERSON URGED THAT US STRESS
BENEFITS OF ITS PROPOSAL FOR LDCS AND THAT US DO
WHATEVER IT CAN TO INDICATE THAT US PAID VERY
CAREFUL ATTENTION TO AND WAS SYMPATHETIC TO MANY OF
POINTS WHICH LDCS HAVE MADE IN THE PAST ABOUT TARIFF
NEGOTIATING PLAN.

6. ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS, LONG NOTED GREAT UNHAPPINESS
ON PART OF GROUP OF 77 WITH UNSTATED DEPTH OF CUT IN
US TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFERS AND US DESIRE FOR
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RECIPROCITY FROM LDCS. HE SAID LDCS FEEL THEY ARE BEING
PICKED OFF INDIVIDUALLY THROUGH BILATERAL APPROACH IN
TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP, THUS DENYING TO THEM THEIR
UNITY AND STRENGTH AS A GROUP. LONG URGED THAT US
SCHEDULE A "GROUP THERAPY" MEETING WITH ALL LDCS WHO
HAD SUBMITTED TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUESTS TO US IN ORDER
TO DEMONSTRATE THAT US WAS WILLING TO TREAT LDCS AS A
GROUP IN THE MTN. WALKER RESPONDED THAT HE COULD SEE

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LITTLE VALUE IN SUCH A GROUP MEETING AND THAT HE WAS
NOT PERSUADED BY LONG'S SUGGESTION.

7. NOTING THAT US HAD REQUESTED GATT ART XXIII:1
CONSULTATIONS WITH EC ON ITS
MEASURES TO INCREASE USE OF NONFAT DRIED MILK WITHIN
THE COMMUNITY AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR OTHER PROTEINS,
INCLUDING SOYBEANS, PATTERSON ASKED WHETHER US SAW
VALUE IN EC'S PLAN TO PURCHASE AND STORE OTHER PROTEINS.
WALKER RESPONDED THAT STORAGE PLAN WOULD NOT ALLEVIATE
IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY DAMAGE WHICH EC ACTION WOULD HAVE
ON US SOYBEAN AND OTHER VEGETABLE PROTEINS. WALKER

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